

AN INITIAL RAPID FIELD AND RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRE OUTBREAK IN AKINOLA MARKET IN OSUN STATE NIGERIA

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Summary of assessment:

Akinola Market in Ipetumodu is a significant marketplace in the area, holding its market day every Friday. The market host traders from over 20 neighboring communities in the location. The market has been a hub of commercial activity, providing livelihoods for many traders and locals.

On 10th January 2025, a late-night fire swept through the well-known weekly marketplace, and destroyed goods valued at millions of naira. The fire reportedly started in the area where yams are kept. Many traders, who had closed for the day hours earlier, rushed back to the scene in distress after receiving news of the fire. Properties and foodstuffs worth millions of naira were destroyed. Preliminary investigations revealed that the fire started from refuse set ablaze by yet-to-be-identified individuals after the close of business on Friday.

Over 102 registered traders were affected, thus properties and foodstuffs worth millions of naira were burnt to ashes. Their primary source of livelihoods has been affected thus increasing poverty, food insecurity

Contact person: Mr. Ameh Kenneth Seidu Phone: XXXXXXXXXX	No. of LGAs: 1	No. of Communities/Markets: Akinola Market in Ipetumodu
	No. of Deaths: 0 No. of traders injured: 0 No. of traders affected: 102	Total of houses/shops destroyed by the fire outbreak: 87 shops were burnt
Problems Identified in community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor waste management, • High Insecurity, • High poverty, • Increasing criminality and theft, • High rate of out of school children, • High inter religious and tribal clashes • High climate change issues 	
Funding and Support Needs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-construction of shops • Business seed-funding for traders • Waste management programme for traders 	
Estimated funding support (Partial):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-construction of shops = (\$10,000) • Business seed-funding for 102 traders (\$15,000) • Waste management programme for traders (\$2,000) 	